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IS AT THE PIRATES

Terry Zeigler , Director of Information Services, Pittsburgh Pirates

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Many of us have faced the task of moving our office and data center to a new location. The thought of moving something that works (or at least you know what doesn't work) to a new location makes your heart cold with fright. How will you ever keep your users and customers happy??

What if you have to make this move with the entire city of Pittsburgh watching?

Terry Zeigler is doing just that. As Director of Information Services for the Pittsburgh Pirates, he is moving his organization



from the soon to be demolished Three Rivers Stadium to PNC Park. While we watch about the new grass for the playing field, Terry is up to his neck in the logistics of planning the infrastructure for one of the most visible construction projects to occur in Pittsburgh.

At our December dinner meeting, Terry will share his experiences with us. He will talk about some of the chal-

lenges of working with a highly visible, public company. He'll talk about some of the unique information needs of a baseball team as well as how similar to other organizations the Pirates can be.

Remember that the December dinner meeting is different in two ways. First of all it is the second Tuesday in December (December 12). Also, it is at a different location - Gaetano's on Banksville Rd.

Come and join us for the last meeting of the year and see how one of our peers is dealing with the daily challenges of our profession.

Special points of interest:

- December 12th is set for the December dinner meeting at Gaetano's Restaurant.
- Each aitp member who attends the December meeting will receive a gift.
- Bring your raffle gifts or a donation to the meeting to help us raise money for the Food Pantry.

DECEMBER DINNER MEETING SET FOR GAETANO'S

December 12th will be the date for the last aitp dinner meeting for the year 2000. We will move the meeting to Gaetano's Restaurant located at 1617 Banksville Road. Dinner selection will be a Italian buffet with homemade entrees.

Directions to Gaetano's

Restaurant are:

Traveling West through the Fort Pitt Tunnel you stay in the right lane and take the first Exit to Banksville Road. Follow Banksville Road to Gaetano's Restaurant which is a grey 2-story building on the left. Get in the left hand "turn lane" at Coast Avenue

and make the left and then a quick left into Gaetano's Parking lot. If you see Mt. Lebanon Office Supply or Staple's, you've gone too far. (Turn around at Staple's)

Coming North on Banksville Road, make the right at Coast Avenue and the quick left into the parking lot.

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Message from the Editor

The Newsletter is the official publication of the AITP Pittsburgh Chapter. It is published eleven times a year at Pittsburgh, PA as a benefit of membership, to announce the monthly General Meeting, and to provide information of local interest to our members. It is circulated free-of-charge to our AITP members. We welcome contributions by members and non-members. Unless otherwise requested, articles are subject to editing. Send your documents to Denise Patrizio FAX 412-316-7230, Internet Denise_A_Patrizio@dom.com or DenisePatrizio@home.com Our address is Pittsburgh Chapter– AITP, P.O. Box 2004, Pittsburgh, PA 15230.

The submission deadline for articles to be published is the Friday after each Dinner Meeting. Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. Contact Patricia McMurray for more information.

Advertisers are being accepted for the year 2001. Business Card—\$20 per month; Quarter Page—\$30 per month; Half Page - \$40 per month; Full Page -\$60 per month. Six months or more of continuous advertising costs only 5 months. Contact Denise Patrizio at 412-316-7110 for more information. We distribute the newsletter monthly to an influential group of 150+ career information systems and technology professionals. Many of us pass copies of it to our colleagues, providing a particularly high value for your advertising dollar.

December's Dinner Meeting

Gaetano's Restaurant
 Tuesday, December 12, 2000

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Networking and Student Chapter Meeting Dinner Business Meeting followed by Featured Speaker
6:00 PM - 7:15 PM	
7:15 PM - 8:15 PM	

Price	Prepaid	At Door
Members	\$ 22.00	\$ 27.00
Guests	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00
Students	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00

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*******Email Registration for Members Only *******
 You may register via email by sending your confirmation to:
aitp@excaliburdata.com
 Please be sure to include the number of attendees, names,
 company names, phone numbers and email addresses.

Please note: *When registering via email, we treat it as a confirmed registration. As such, if you do not cancel your reservation by December 7, 2000, you will be billed for the meeting.*

SPECIAL NOTE: SPEAKERS AND TOPICS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Directions:

See front page of newsletter

Registration Form for Tuesday, December 12, 2000
 Deadline is Thursday, December 7, 2000 — Register Early

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State _____ Zip Code _____
 Phone Number _____
 Email _____

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 DONATION TO
 RAFFLE OFF TO
 HELP RAISE
 MONEY FOR THE
 FOOD PANTRY.
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 THOSE WHO ARE
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 THAN OURSELVES.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Patricia McMurray

As the year 2000 comes to a close, we may recall all of the anticipation for the year and its possible glitches. It sure did take a great deal of planning and foresight to avoid the potential pit-falls the new millennium could bring.

We have last year's president Mike Fuson to thank for sending aitp into the new year well equipped with gadgets to battle any 2000 bugs. This year we have Mike to thank for returning the aitp minute and updating the web page.

Our eyes are thankful to Dennis Coglienese for opening them to the new topics and wonders of technology presented in every meeting's monthly presentation.

No one enters our meeting without the cheerful greeting of Chalice Zavada and her smiling hospitality committee.



The greeting is further enhanced by the refreshments served by the chapter and the ever-diligent concerns for our comfort on the part of Craig Holbrook.

New members were made to feel welcome by Steve Iwanicki and Ron Rak. No one gets away without saying "Hello".

The students were kept on their toes by AnnMarie Leap. The scholarships of the chapter and region are alive and well. Her tireless efforts do not go unnoticed.

The mailings and records for COPA and IPA were recorded accurately by Ken Krugh who has updated ad-

resses and e-mails for the chapter over the years.

The name of the Pittsburgh chapter and its vibrant reputation are represented in the capable hands of George Ilkka. He continues to serve as the region director traveling when necessary to keep our voices heard.

It is Denise Patrizio who gives the chapter its life. She continues to keep us informed with the newsletter publication, count the pennies in the treasury, and serve at regional and association levels with distinction in showing how the Pittsburgh chapter does things the right way.

It is because of the time, energy, and efforts of these people that we still have an active chapter in the aitp association.

I thank each and every one of you for making the year 2000 smooth and successful. I congratulate each member for their individual contributions and hope to have the same rewarding feeling at the end of 2001 because you were there with me.



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REGION AND ASSOCIATION NEWS BY GEORGE ILKKA, REGION DIRECTOR



LEADERSHIP RETREAT

The 2001 Region 18 Leadership Retreat committee would like to invite you to join us for an opportunity to “Work Together” with other Region 18 leaders to make our chapters and our Region the best in the Association. What you learn at the Leadership Retreat will enable you to help your chapters to improve in a

number of areas.

Information on the Leadership Retreat is available on the Region website at www.aitp-region18.org.

The Region 18 Leadership Retreat will be held on January 19-21, 2001 at the Charleston Marriott Town Center Charleston WV. The theme is “Working Together Makes Sense”.

All are invited to attend. Cost is \$30 for the seminar and lunch. The Mystery dinner is \$30. Room rate is \$73 a night.

REGION SCHOLARSHIPS

Two region scholarships will be presented at the Leadership Retreat in Charleston WV.

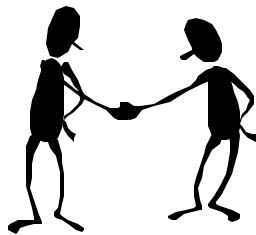
The first scholarship goes to Angela Michelle Jasenec of the Greater Wheeling Chapter. The second scholarship goes to Clinton J Schaffer of the Pittsburgh Chapter.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOTH INDIVIDUALS.



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MEMBERSHIP CORNER



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!!!

Congratulations to the

following members who are celebrating their aitp anniversaries in December. We thank them for their chapter participation and look forward to having them as active members for many more years!

Phil Svesnik
James Drotos
Carla Ryba

Lawrence Deckenbaugh
CDP
Wayne Allridge
John Bernard
Neelima Bhatnagar
William Wolf
Mark E Arkinson

TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS (Something to think about this Holiday Season)

'TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE
CHRISTMAS,
HE LIVED ALL ALONE,
IN A ONE BEDROOM HOUSE
MADE OF PLASTER AND
STONE.

I HAD COME DOWN THE
CHIMNEY WITH PRESENTS
TO GIVE,
AND TO SEE JUST WHO
IN THIS HOME DID LIVE.

I LOOKED ALL ABOUT,
A STRANGE SIGHT I DID SEE,
NO TINSEL, NO PRESENTS,
NOT EVEN A TREE.

NO STOCKING BY MANTLE,
JUST BOOTS FILLED WITH
SAND,
ON THE WALL HUNG PIC-
TURES
OF FAR DISTANT LANDS.

WITH MEDALS AND BADGES,
AWARDS OF ALL KINDS,
A SOBER THOUGHT CAME
THROUGH MY MIND.

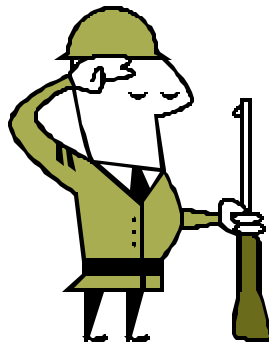
FOR THIS HOUSE WAS DIF-
FERENT,
IT WAS DARK AND DREARY,
I FOUND THE HOME OF A
SOLDIER,
ONCE I COULD SEE CLEARLY.

THE SOLDIER LAY SLEEPING,
SILENT, ALONE,
CURLLED UP ON THE FLOOR
IN THIS ONE BEDROOM
HOME.

THE FACE WAS SO GENTLE,
THE ROOM IN SUCH DISOR-
DER,

NOT HOW I PICTURED
A UNITED STATES SOLDIER.

WAS THIS THE HERO OF
WHOM I'D JUST READ?
CURLLED UP ON A PONCHO,
THE FLOOR FOR A BED?
I REALIZED THE FAMILIES
THAT I SAW THIS NIGHT,
OWED THEIR LIVES TO THESE
SOLDIERS WHO WERE WILL-
ING TO FIGHT. SOON ROUND
THE WORLD,
THE CHILDREN WOULD PLAY,
AND GROWNUPS WOULD
CELEBRATE A BRIGHT



SOLDIERS,
LIKE THE ONE LYING HERE.

I COULDN'T HELP WONDER
HOW MANY LAY ALONE,
ON A COLD CHRISTMAS EVE
IN A LAND FAR FROM HOME.

THE VERY THOUGHT
BROUGHT A TEAR TO MY EYE,
I DROPPED TO MY KNEES
AND STARTED TO CRY.

THE SOLDIER AWAKENED
AND I HEARD A ROUGH
VOICE,
"SANTA DON'T CRY,
THIS LIFE IS MY CHOICE;

I FIGHT FOR FREEDOM,
I DON'T ASK FOR MORE,
MY LIFE IS MY GOD,
MY COUNTRY, MY CORPS."

THE SOLDIER ROLLED
OVER
AND DRIFTED TO SLEEP,
I COULDN'T CONTROL IT,
I CONTINUED TO WEEP.

I KEPT WATCH FOR HOURS,
SO SILENT AND STILL
AND WE BOTH SHIVERED
FROM THE COLD NIGHT'S
CHILL.

I DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE
ON THAT COLD, DARK,
NIGHT,
THIS GUARDIAN OF HONOR
SO WILLING TO FIGHT.

THEN THE SOLDIER
ROLLED OVER,
WITH A VOICE SOFT AND
PURE,
WHISPERED, "CARRY ON
SANTA,
IT'S CHRISTMAS DAY, ALL
IS SECURE."

ONE LOOK AT MY WATCH,
AND I KNEW HE WAS
RIGHT.
"MERRY CHRISTMAS MY
FRIEND, AND TO ALL A
GOOD NIGHT."

*This poem was written by a
Marine stationed in Okinawa,
Japan.*

PITTSBURGH CHAPTER IPA FORM.

NAME: _____, _____, - ____ - ____ - ____ MEMBER #: _____

COMP: _____

ADDR: _____, _____, - ____ - ____ W - H

YEAR FOR: 2000 AWARD: _____ COMMENTS: (ENTER GENERAL COMMENTS BELOW)

ACT

NO. --ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION--- Y/N TIMES

- 1. Member ---
- 2. Perfect Attend, Chapt Bus ---
- 3. Chapt Charter Member, 1st ---
- 4. Sponsor A New Member ---
- 5. Assoc Conference Chairper ---
- 6. Assoc Board Of Director M ---
- 7. Assoc Sec-Treas ---
- 8. Assoc Executive V.P. ---
- 9. Assoc President ---
- 10. Assoc Past President ---
- 11. Region Assoc Comm Member ---
- 12. Region Assoc Comm Chairpe ---
- 13. Region Treasurer ---
- 14. Region Secretary ---
- 15. Region Coordinator/VP ---
- 16. Region President/Group ---
- 17. Region Conf Chairperson ---
- 18. Chapt Director ---
- 19. Chapt Secretary ---
- 20. Chapt Treasurer ---
- 21. Chapt Sec, Corresponding ---
- 22. Chapt Sec, Recording ---
- 23. Chapt Sec-Treas ---
- 24. Chapt Vice Pres ---
- 25. Chapt Executive V.P. ---
- 26. Chapt President ---
- 27. Region Director ---
- 28. Chapt - Region Liaison ---
- 29. Chapt Committee(s) ---
- 30. Chapt Publication Committ ---
- 31. Chapt Committee Chairpers ---
- 32. Chapt Publication Chairpe ---
- 33. Participation/Electronic ---
- 34. Forum System Operator ---
- 35. Education Function ---
- 36. Main Speaker, Own Chapter ---
- 37. Main Speaker, Other Chapt ---
- 38. Instructor, Chapter Spons ---
- 39. Speeches, Local, School ---
- 40. Member Education Advisory ---

ACT

NO. --ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION--- Y/N TIMES

- 41. Service Region Educ Found ---
- 42. Service Other AITP Board ---
- 43. Submit, Acceptance, Paper ---
- 44. Attend Leadership Trainin ---
- 45. Instructor AITP Educ Prog ---
- 46. Speaker at Conference ---
- 47. Speaker to Promote AITP ---
- 48. Certification Attainment ---
- 49. Boy/Girl Merit Badge ---
- 50. Junior Achievement Adviso ---
- 51. Student Organization Advi ---
- 52. Mem. Attend Reg. Conf. ---
- 53. Mem. ISECON Full ---
- 54. Mem. ISECON Partial ---
- 55. Chair/Co Chair Sig. ---
- 56. Allied Committee Member ---
- 57. Board of Dir of SIG ---
- 58. Serve as SIG Officer ---
- 59. AITP Activity (4 Max) ---
- 60. Chapt Past Pres/Attend Bo ---
- 61. Start New Chapter, Chairp ---
- 62. Start New Chapter, Member ---
- 63. Visit Other AITP Chapt, m ---
- 64. Attend National Member Mt ---
- 65. Attend Leadership Worksho ---
- 66. Attend Association Meetin ---
- 67. Chair Of Association Comm ---
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- 7. _____
- 8. _____

Return form to AITP c/o Ken Krugh PO. Box 2004 Pittsburgh, PA 15230

ROSTER ADVERTISING IS AVAILABLE

The Pittsburgh Chapter Roster once again is soliciting "Supporting Contributors" for the 2001 Roster.

To show your support for our Chapter Roster you may put either your name or your company name in one of the below categories for \$10.00.

Member Supporter - You can have one line listed with your name

Corporate Supporter - You may have one line listed with your Corporate name

As a member, you may select one or the other category above. If you would like your company name and your name to appear, the cost would be \$20.00.

Your request must be received by January 5, 2001 to be included. Make checks payable to:

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AITP - Pittsburgh Chapter
c/o Denise Patrizio
36 Hollowhaven Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15236

If you are interested in placing an add or business card in the roster, contact Denise Patrizio for rates.

I would like to support the AITP's roster. Please include the following line in the roster for the cost of \$10 a line:

Name _____

(Or)

Company _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

The Membership Director is in the process of starting to assemble the 2001 Pittsburgh Chapter Membership Roster. To make sure we have the most current information for each member, we are asking you to review the information on the address label of this newsletter. It is located on the back page. If it is correct you need not do anything, this is the information

that will appear in the Roster.

However, if it's not right you must notify us by January 5, 2001 to insure that it will be correct in the roster. A form has been provided for this purpose. Please provide us with all the information requested on the form. This is the information that will appear in the 2001 roster.

Mail the corrected form to the Chapter at the return address located above your label.

A reminder, your dues must be current for your name to appear in the 2001 roster.

MEMBERSHIP NO:

NAME, LAST:

COMPANY:

TITLE:

ADDRESS:

CITY, STATE, ZIP:

PHONE:

INTERNET ADDRESS:

NAME, FIRST:

FAX:

OUR AITP MEMBERSHIP FILES REFLECT THE INFORMATION ON THE LABEL. IF THERE IS INCORRECT DATA YOU WANT CORRECTED, PLEASE MAKE THE CORRECTIONS ON THIS FORM AND RETURN IT TO AITP, P.O. BOX 2004, PITTSBURGH, PA 15230.

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The Association of Information Technology Professionals

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<input type="checkbox"/> CDP	<input type="checkbox"/> CSP	<input type="checkbox"/> Former AITP Member
<input type="checkbox"/> CCP	<input type="checkbox"/> ACP	<input type="checkbox"/> Former Student Member
<input type="checkbox"/> CAN	<input type="checkbox"/> CNE	<input type="checkbox"/> Former Interim Member

Name: First _____ Middle Initial _____ Last _____

Employer Name: _____ Your Title _____ Dept/Div _____

Employer Address: _____ City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip+4/Postal Code _____

Home Address: _____ City _____ State/Prov. _____ Zip+4/Postal Code _____

Send Mail to: Home Company AITP may include my name and address for mail list rentals: Yes No

Business Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail Address: _____ Mail Provider: _____

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 Special Interest Groups: (optional) **P.O. Box 2004**
Pittsburgh, PA 15230-2004

EDSIG \$ _____ \$20/\$26 Canadian Checks payable to : AITP

TOTAL \$120.00 Due with this Application

Specify Payment Method: Visa MasterCard Check Money Order

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

I hereby make application for membership in AITP. I agree to comply with the requirements of the Bylaws and Code of Ethics and all regulations adopted by the Association.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Sponsor's Name: _____ Membership Number _____
 (print legibly)

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